## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sensor element constructed in layers for detecting a physical property of a gas or liquid, and in particular for detecting the concentration of a gas component or the temperature of an exhaust gas of an internal combustion engine. The sensor element includes a first and second layer as well as at least one contact face, which is disposed in a layer plane between the first and second layers. In the region of the contact face, the first layer includes a recess.

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